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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract (starting on Page 21, line 6 of the original Application), as follows:

Provided are a method, system, and article of manufacture, wherein in one embodiment of the method metadata related to a packet may be allocated in a host memory by a protocol processor, wherein the host memory may be comprised in a host that may be capable of being coupled to a network adapter. The metadata may be copied from the host memory to an adapter memory that may be associated with the network adapter. The copied metadata may be processed by the protocol processor.